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THE
PRESENTMENT
OF THE
GRAND-JURY,
AT
Justice-Hall,
IN THE
OLD-BAYLY,

On the 16th of January, 1683.

We the Jurors, Sworn to Inquire for our Sovereign Lord the KING, of all Offences committed in the City of LONDON,

Humbly present,

That notwithstanding the many good Laws made for Retaining his Majesties Subjects in their due Obedience and Conformity to the Laws, and for the preventing of Conventicles, and unlawful Assemblies, on pretence of Religious Worship, which have in all times been found Dangerous to the Government, and Nurseries of Rebellion; and of which we have lately seen the Cursed Effects in the late Conspiracy against the Sacred Life of our Lord the King, his Royal Brother and his most Ancient and most Excellent Monarchy. Notwithstanding these Laws many persons do yet absent themselves from their Parish Churches, and the use of the Sacraments of the Church, with Impunity. And frequent Conventicles are held, in which his Majesties Subjects are by Seditious and Disloyal Discourses withdrawn from their due Obedience.

Which mischiefs chiefly, as we conceive, arise by the general neglect of Church-Wardens, and Constables, who are entrusted by the Laws with the Prosecution of those Offences: And by reason of so many Nonconformists Preachers who walk, up and down the streets openly, and reside within the said City, contrary to the known Laws.

We do therefore earnestly Pray that this Honorable Court, would be pleased to take effectual care, that the said Laws be duly and strictly executed; And that the Constables and Church-wardens be required for the future, faithfully and diligently, according to their respective capacities, to perform their Duties, according to their Oaths, and the Laws in that behalf provided.

And we farther take notice of the too great and general abuse of the Lords-Day, by the great resort of persons to Taverns, Coffee-Houses, and Tippling-Houses, especially in time of Divine Service and Sermon. And therefore pray that you would be pleased to cause the said Officers to do their Duties therein likewise.

*Tho. Vernon,
Tho. Goddard,
William Gore,
William Willis,
Ran. Manning,
John Martin,*

*Richard Howes,
Tho. Hodges,
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William Fazakerley,*

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THE
PRESENTMENT
OF THE
GRAND-JURY
AT
Justice-Hall
IN THE
OLD-BAILY

On the 1st day of January, 1683.

We the Jurors sworn to inquire for our Sovereign Lord the KING, of
General committed in the City of LONDON

Humbly sheweth

That notwithstanding the many good Laws made for Reformation in
Matters touching the Obedience and Loyalty to the
Laws, and for the preservation of Conscience, and lawful Alimen-
tation of Religion, which have in all times been found
necessary to the Government, and Welfare of the Kingdom, and of which
we have lately seen the Corded Edicts in the Statute-book, and the 2^d
of our Lord the King, his Royal Brother, and his most Ancient and
most Excellent Majesty. Notwithstanding these Laws many persons do
yet absent themselves from their Parish Churches, and the use of the Sacra-
ments of the Church, and the Obedience and Loyalty to the Laws are held
in contempt, and the same are not observed, and the same are not
drawn from their due Obedience.

Which might be chiefly, as we conceive, and by the general neglect of
Church-Wardens and Constables, who are entrusted by the Law with the
Protection of the Church, and by reason of the many persons who
Presume to walk up and down the streets openly, and to hold within the said
City, contrary to the known Laws.

We do therefore earnestly pray that the Honorable Court would
be pleased to take effectual care that the said Laws be duly and
strictly executed; And that the Constables and Church-Wardens
shall be required for the future, faithfully and diligently, and
according to their respective capacities, to perform their Duty
according to their Oath, and the Laws in that behalf made.

And we further take notice of the too great and general Abuse
of the Lords Day, by the great resort of persons to Taverns, Col-
lege-Houses, and Tapping-Houses, especially in times of Divine Ser-
vice and Season. And therefore pray that you would be pleased to
call the said Officers to their Duty, therein likewise.

John Sparrow John Hardisty David Proke Rich. Remond Robert M. ...	Richard ... John ... Joseph ... John ... John ...	The ... John ... William ... William ... John ...
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